SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : That matter has come in the 377.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Cannot you give a separate notice for it? Please conclude.

SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Through you, I would like the Government to instruct those industries to abide by the conditions of the agreement.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you I want to mention a sorrowful incident.

Today morning, when I was coming to Lok Sabha, at that moment I received a phone call from my constituency according to which many persons died in an accident due to a collision between two vehicles in Darywan situated in my constituency. According to the information received at least sixty bodies have been recovered so far. It is a very tragic incident. I want to mention it is the House and want to express our condolences towards the bereaved families.

I would urge upon the Government to provide some sort of relief in this case of the victims of this road accident by deviating from the existing rules. Since that road is very narrow it may be a possible reason for this accident. So this road should be broadened. This is very important road, there used to be a rail line in Fatuha Islampur. Now there are no rail lines only a road is there but this is a narrow road that is why this accident took place there.

I would urge upon the Government to take notice of it and every possible attempt should be made to provide relief to the affected families.

13.33 hrs.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now the House stands adjourned for lunch till Thirty Minutes past Fourteen of the clock.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Thirty Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

14.37 hrs.

The House re-assembled after Lunch at Thirty Seven Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[Translation]

(Shri Nitish Kumar *in the Chair*)

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to evolve an Action Plan to check soil erosion being caused by Chambal.

DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH (Bhind) : Thousands of hectares of cultivable land on both the sides of the Chambal river flowing through Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and UP is being converted into ravines due to soil erosion caused by the river. As per the survey conducted by the scientists, if this soil erosion in not checked, then during the next 100 years Bhind and Muraina districts of MP would disappear from the map and the entire area would convert into ravines. Government have been making funds available to control this soil erosion. But as per an official report these funds have been largely misused or remained under-utilised. If this land on both sides of the Chambal river is to be made cultivable, it should be given on lease to the landless persons or unemployed youth while giving loans at normal rate of interests and action plan should be formulated for the purpose.

(ii) Need for Early Implementation of Package of Concessions declared in 1995 for the benefit of telephone subscribers in rural areas.

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : In December 1995 the then Minister of Communications had announced a Rural Package for the telephone subscribers in the rural areas. It was expected to be implemented on 1.1.1996. Under this package, there was a provision to charge half the registration fee, concession in local rent and calls and expansion of group dialing area but this package has not been implemented as yet. On the other side telephone are being installed in the rural areas under another scheme named 'MARR'. The telephones installed under the scheme have become a matter of dispute and these telephones are also not in use. The Government is spending lakhs of rupees on each telephone. One telephone is being provided in each village under this scheme. Besides, the items given under this scheme are being misused. Therefore, I urge upon the Minister of Communications to announce the implementation of the said package to fulfil the requirement of communication facilities in the rural areas.

[English]

(iii) Need to Include 'Right to Works' as a Fundamental Right

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE (Calcutta South) : Sir, unemployment is one of the burning issues before the nation and the Government. We are proud that next year our country is going to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our freedom movement. We are enjoying our political freedom, but our economic freedom is far behind as a result of which the number of unemployed youth is increasing day by day. The number of jobs in public sector, private sector and the other Governmental Services is going down day by day. Retrenchment of workers, closure of factories and voluntary retirements have become the order of the day. Job opportunities for women, minorities and Other Backward Classes are very much less and, besides, their bread and shelter